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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Macomb County Legal News: Video features court volunteers

"A husband-and-wife volunteer team that welcomes, guides and reassures visitors to Novi's 52-1 District Court is among those featured in the newest episode in Court Stories, the Michigan Supreme Court's online video series."

Full story

Also see:

Volunteers at Novi's 52-1 District Court are focus of new *Court Stories* video <u>Press release</u>

Detroit Free Press: Judge Wade McCree: 'Docket from hell' text was meant to flatter mistress

"Wayne County Circuit Judge Wade McCree did not intend to demean anyone who has appeared in his courtroom, but instead meant to flatter a woman with whom he had an affair, according to his response to a formal complaint from the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission that was made public Thursday."

Full story

Also see:

The Detroit News: Wayne Judge McCree admits to affair with woman who had case in his court

Full story

MLive.com: Detroit's Judge Wade McCree Jr. responds to charges he slept with litigant in chambers

Full story

The MiLW Blog: Wayne judge confesses to sex with woman whose case was in his court

Full story

SBM Blog: Hon. Wade H. McCree, Jr. Answer To Formal Complaint Full story

ABA Journal Chicago, IL: Judge admits sex with witness in chambers, but says it didn't affect his decision-making

Full story

Detroit Free Press: Wayne County prosecutor budget fight: Gag orders possible, judge warns

"A judge overseeing a legal battle over the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office budget said Thursday that she was seriously considering issuing a gag order in the case.... [Wayne County Circuit Judge Wendy Baxter] told the attorneys to talk to their clients about it and said public officials need to talk to each other and the court."

Full story

C & G Newspapers/Warren: Court personnel, township officials meet

"Although there were several points brought up during a March 21 meeting between township officials and 41-A Court personnel, one unanimous view was that 41-A District Court currently in Shelby Township needs a new building."

Full story

Hometown Life Newspapers: Judge conducts Cipriano pretrial behind closed doors

"It's uncertain why Oakland Circuit Judge Shalina Kumar at the last minute conducted a pretrial exam for murder suspects Tucker Cipriano and Mitchell Young behind closed doors Tuesday afternoon. The friends face murder charges in the baseball bat killing of Robert Cipriano in April 2012 in Farmington Hills."

Full story

Macomb County Legal News: Former chief justice joins Wayne Law faculty

"After serving 16 years on the Michigan Supreme Court, Marilyn Kelly is joining the faculty of Wayne State University Law School as its first 'distinguished jurist in residence.' "
Full story

Macomb County Legal News: Brown Bag lunch series moves to Probate Court

"Probate Court was the scene recently of a Brown Bag Lunch scheduled by the Macomb County Bar Association.... On hand for the noontime gathering was Macomb County Probate Court Judge Carl Marlinga, who was elected to the court last November and took over in January, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Pamela Gilbert O'Sullivan."

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: Art program helps juveniles

"The Oakland County family-focused Juvenile Drug Court presented 'Self-Exploration Through Art' on Tuesday, March 19, on the second floor of the Oakland County Courthouse in Pontiac. The reception and art viewing began with remarks from Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Mary Ellen Brennan, presiding judge for the Juvenile Drug Court."

Full story